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SUBJECT: BALAGUER CONSTRAINS POLICE

1. PRESIDENT BALAGUER YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT GOVERNMENT
HAD ISSUED "FINAL ORDER" TO POLICE NOT TO ENTER SCHOOLS TO

PUT DOWN DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH ARE CONFINED TO SCHOOL GROUNDS.
DEPARTING FROM ECONOMIC THEME IN SPEECH TO NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, HE ALSO CALLED UPON POLICE HIERARCHY
TO PURGE RANKS RAPIDLY SO THAT POLICE CAN GUARANTEE
MAINTENANCE OF ORDER AND RESPECT FOR RIGHTS OF CITIZENS.

2. PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FOLLOWED VIOLENT INCIDENT LATE
LAST WEEK WHEN POLICE STORMED A SANTO DOMINGO LYCEO TO END
STUDENT DEMONSTRATION CONDEMNING ASSASSINATION OF NEWSMAN
ORLANDO MARTINEZ AND ADVOCATING INCREASED GOVERNMENT CONTRI-
BUTION TO BUDGET OF STATE UNIVERSITY (UASD). IN EXCESS OF
ZEAL, DEPLORED BY PRESS AND BY PRESIDENT, POLICE KILLED
14-YEAR-OLD STUDENT, INJURED AS MANY AS 70 AND ARRESTED
OVER ONE HUNDRED. ENSUING REACTIONS LED TO TEMPORARY
CLOSING NUMEROUS LYCEOS IN SANTO DOMINGO, SANTIAGO AND
OTHER CITIES AND BROUGHT INTERVENTION OF SECRETARY OF STATE
OF EDUCATION TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF JAILED STUDENTS AND
ASSURANCES FOR TEACHER AND STUDENT SAFETY FROM POLICE

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ATTACKS.

3. COMMENT. HEAVY-HANDED POLICE INTERVENTION HAS PRODUCED
ANOTHER MARTYR, AND ANOTHER DATE - APRIL 4 - ON WHICH FORCES
OF ORDER WILL IN FUTURE HAVE TO REMAIN ESPECIALLY ALERT.
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